

OUR LOCAL MARKETS.

Following are the prices paid by our merchants and dealers for the products named:

Butter	14
Eggs	16
Potatoes	40
Beans	40
Onions	40
Poultry	40
Fat cattle on foot	24-34
Fat hogs on foot	44-44
Green hides	02
Flour per cwt. (retails at)	\$1.60

A Washington dispatch of Monday says Mrs. Thomas, wife of Representative Thomas of this district, is quite ill at her residence in that city.

Our neighbors over in Clyde, Allegan county, are considerably agitated over the finding of the body of a dead baby in a swamp in that township.

The Michigan club banquet at Detroit on the 23d inst. will be a big affair. Governors McKinley of Ohio and Hastings of Pennsylvania will be present.

Congressman Thomas of this district was recently elected a member of the Army and Navy club in Washington, a distinction rarely conferred upon a civilian.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Paw Paw postoffice: Mr. John Baurer, Mr. B. F. Clinton, Mr. A. Glazener, Mr. J. W. Whitacre, Mrs. W. J. Sheridan.

Mrs. William R. Wells of Dowagiac last Friday night gave birth to triplets, two girls and one boy. The total weight of the three is 13 pounds. All are alive and doing well.

To-morrow is Candlemas day. In the Catholic church on this day the candles to be used during the year are blessed. Mass and the blessing of the candles will take place in the chapel at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Sunday is St. Blazius' day—a day on which the blessing of the throats take place. This ceremony will be observed after the 10:30 a. m. mass.

The thirty-first general conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Battle Creek this month. Delegates from all parts of the civilized world are expected to be present. Elder Oleson, president of the conference, has issued a circular letter to all his people telling them that the end of the world is not far off, and that they had better prepare themselves for the final act in life's drama.

Prof. Joseph Morrow's photomani of picturesque trips abroad will be exhibited at the Baptist church Friday and Saturday evening, Feb. 8 and 9. Over 200 photographic illustrations of travel, history, legend, anecdote, poetry, art and humor will be given each evening. The program will be different at each exhibition. Admission 25 cts, children 15 cts. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

Deacon Rockwell May died at his home in Kalamazoo on Friday last, aged nearly 96 years. He was the father of the late Gen. Dwight May, Hon. Charles S. May, and Mrs. Frank Little. He was a pioneer of Kalamazoo county, having come to Michigan in 1834 and to Kalamazoo in 1855. Deceased was a direct descendant of John May, a Puritan, who came from Sussex, England, in 1640.

The pension of Angus Frazer of Allegan was cut down about a year ago by the Hoke Smith management at Washington. The man was very sick at the time from wounds received in the war and came very near dying. Through the efforts of Congressman Thomas it has been restored. This is one of the most aggravating of many unjust suspension cases which have occurred under this administration.

Representative Thomas intends to introduce a joint resolution asking for an appropriation for a survey of the Kalamazoo river from the lake to Saugatuck, a distance of three miles, with a view of improving it so as to render navigation of large vessels practicable to Saugatuck. Dr. Thomas says that he hopes before he leaves Congress to be able to secure sufficient appropriations to make the Kalamazoo River navigable as far up as Allegan.

Under the title "Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc," a new historical romance will begin in the April number of Harper's Magazine, and will continue through the remaining numbers of the year. The name of the author, a conspicuous figure in contemporary American literature, is for the present withheld. Illustrations from historic material and sketches made amid the scenes of Joan's career will be contributed by F. V. du Mond.

At the Paw Paw Republican caucus, Wednesday evening, the following delegates were chosen to attend the county convention at Hartford to-day: C. W. Young, B. F. Heckert, C. L. Eaton, G. E. Gilman, L. H. Tine, Nathan Thomas, B. F. Warner, W. M. Thayer, M. D. Buekirk, E. T. Burnham, H. A. Chapin, Fred Woodman, Jas. E. Chandler, Ed. Nash, Thos. C. Tyner. The delegation was empowered to fill vacancies and instructed to support John A. O'Leary for commissioner of schools.

Notice has been given that a bill will be introduced in the legislature providing for giving convicts suspected of insanity a hearing before a probate judge, as in the case of persons not inmates of prisons. At present the law authorizes the transfer of convicts to the dangerous and criminal insane asylum by the warden, on recommendation of the prison physician. This is believed to furnish an easy method of getting rid of troublesome convicts and for the gratification of the prejudices of prison officials.

All persons of lawful age, and every corporation, company, and association having an annual income of more than \$3,500, are required by law to make and render a return on or before the first Monday in March, 1895, to the collector or deputy collector of the district in which they reside of the amount of their gains and income for the whole of the calendar year 1894, and all guardians, trustees, and persons and corporations acting in any fiduciary capacity shall make a like return for their wards or the persons for whom they act. It will be seen by this that it behooves any and all persons who have a suspicion that they are on the wrong (or right) side of the financial line to at once get their figures ready for the collector.

County Sunday School Convention.

The 22d annual convention of the Van Buren county Sunday school association will be held at the Baptist church, Hartford, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8-9. Following is the program:

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.
 2:00—Devotional exercises.
 Address of welcome, F. H. Bassett.
 Response, President Griffin.
 3:00—From the street into the Sunday school, Lottie Armstrong.
 3:30—Our township work, Discussion, Millie Clark.
EVENING.
 7:00—Praise service.
 Recitation, Mattie Bailey.
 7:30—Address, M. H. Reynolds, state secretary.
SECOND DAY—MORNING.
 9:00—Devotional exercises.
 9:30—Reports, etc.
 10:30—Bible brigade.
 11:00—Questions and answers.
 11:30—Appointment of committees.
AFTERNOON.
 1:30—Devotional exercises.
 2:00—Primary work, Rev. Anna Barton.
 2:30—Last ten minutes of Sunday school hour, L. G. Stewart.
 3:00—Sunday school library, Laura Drake.
 3:30—Children's Meeting, Pearl Humphrey.
 R. E. Jennings, musical director.
 Gospel Hymns No. 6, C. E. Stitt will be used.
 Every Sunday school in the county should be represented. Entertainment committee, Mesdames Armstrong, Gillson and Curtis and Miss Bailey.
 WILLIS HALLOCK, G. W. GRIFFIN, Secretary, President.

State Spiritual Association.

The second mid-winter convention of the Michigan state spiritual association will be held in Longwell's opera house, in this village, February 1-3. Following is the program:

FEBRUARY 1.
 7:30 p. m.—Call together by the president, Address of welcome, Mr. B. O'Dell.
 Response by the vice-president, Abbie E. Sheets of Grand Lodge.
 Lecture and tests, Annie L. Robinson of Port Huron.
FEBRUARY 2.
 9:00—Meeting of the official board.
 10:30—Conference led by Martha E. Root of Bay City.
 2:30—Addresses by Abbie E. Sheets and Jennie E. Hagan, Jackson of Grand Rapids.
 7:30—Addresses by Martha E. Root and Dr. F. Schermerhorn of Grand Rapids.
FEBRUARY 3.
 10:30—Addresses by Hon. D. P. Dewey of Grand Blanc, and Julia M. Walton of Jackson.
 2:30—Addresses by Nellie Baude of Detroit, and Prof. H. D. Barrett of Washington, D. C., president of the national spiritual association.
 7:30—Symposium, consisting of short talks by D. P. Dewey, Julia M. Walton, Nellie Baude, Abbie E. Sheets, Dr. F. Schermerhorn and others.
 Closing address by the president, Hon. L. V. Monston of Grand Rapids.

Paw Paw friends will entertain as many as they can accommodate, and arrangements for \$1.00 per day have been made with the hotels. Arrangements have been made with owners of bus lines to carry passengers from Lawton for 25c round trip.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many thoughtful acts of kindness rendered us during the illness and after the death of our little darling.

ROBERT PAYNE,
 MARY ELIZABETH PAYNE.

Future States of the Union.

Next Fourth of July the flag of the United States will contain 45 stars. Utah will be the forty-fifth state. It is only allowable to add to the number of stars in the flag on the Fourth of July next following the admission of a new territory to statehood.

When Utah is represented as a state in congress, there will be 90 United States senators. Where we shall put all our great men at Washington begins to be matter for serious thought. It will not be long till New Mexico and Arizona must be admitted, and soon after them will come Oklahoma. With their admission we shall have 96 senators. To make the number an even hundred it has been suggested that Alaska will be knocking at the door after awhile, and before she is ready Hawaii will be gently wafted into the "Union of states, the Union of hearts." If they all talk as much as the present senate has done, our upper legislative house will be in session all the time.

Utah is at present well fitted to be a state. Polygamy is dead. Saints and gentiles out there are making money. Utah believes that in a few years she will raise beet sugar enough to supply more than half the country—at least she will raise the beets. Her mineral output in 1893 was \$14,000,000, and for 1894 the summing up will be still larger. She has at present more inhabitants within her borders than Wyoming, Nevada and Idaho combined have. On the whole, Utah will do.

The risk of marrying a widow with property was signally illustrated the other day. A woman in New York who had been married twice died. When her will was opened, it was found that the second husband's name was not mentioned in it at all. The lady had evidently seen the folly of second marriages, and her heart in her last days had gone out to her first man. At any rate, she requested in her will that every cent of the money she left at her death should be used in putting up a tomb upon her burial lot. Said tomb was to contain sepulchers for just three persons—namely, herself, her first husband, whose body she requested should be removed from where it had reposed since his lamented death, and her son, those three and no more. The affection she cherished for the second man seems to have been out of whack somehow.

It is astonishing the number of bills annually introduced into congress that have no possible chance of becoming law. Of this nature is the one sprung upon the house recently to the effect that after Jan. 1, 1898, no president shall be eligible to re-election.

New York policemen haven't even a pull on street cars any more. They must be bullied by the conductor just like common mortals. This is the last drop.

E. A. Crane, as executor, etc., v. Mary A. Smith and Daniel Smith. Foreclosure.

Marriage Licenses.

Chas. A. Stringer and Mary Morris both of South Haven.
 William Belleville of Geneva and Laura M. Tiffany of Sherman.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a synopsis of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending Jan. 31:
 In the matter of Hazel May Hamilton, dependent child; order admitting to state public school.
 Estate of John H. Humphrey, dec'd; will admitted to probate.
 Estate of Jacob Miller, deceased; final account filed.
 Estate of Eliza Earle, deceased; residue of estate assigned.
 Estate of Silvas Thompson, deceased; order allowing claims.
 Estate of Michael Whalen, deceased; petition for probate of will filed, hearing Feb. 25th.
 In the matter of Mabel P. Andrews et al., minors; bond filed and letters of guardianship issued to Jennie Pugsley.

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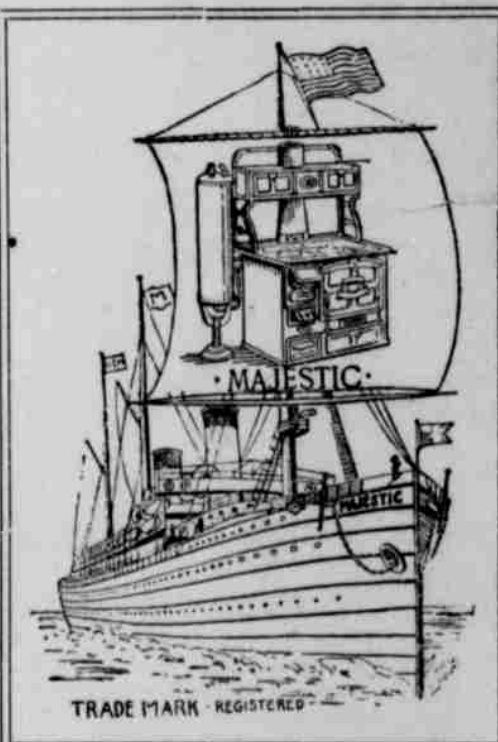
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